

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A recording method comprising the steps of:

reading information on a table of contents from a recording medium;

identifying whether said recording medium is a recording medium in which two kinds of audio data consisting of audio data to be recorded in a first recording area and audio data having a file format to be recorded in a second recording area can be recorded based on readout information from said table of contents;

identifying whether said recording medium is a medium in which, when it is identified, said two kinds of audio data can be recorded; and

notifying whether said recording medium is defined as a recording medium for recording said two kinds of audio data when said recording medium is a medium in which no recording has yet been performed;

wherein said recording method records an identifier for indicating that two kinds of audio data as audio data recorded in said first recording area and audio data having a file format as recorded in said second recording area are recorded in said

recording medium when it is decided that said recording medium is a recording medium for recording said two kinds of audio data.

Claim 22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) The recording method as set forth in claim 21, wherein said recording method starts a process of recording when a recording start and a recording format are designated after it is decided that said recording medium records said two kinds of audio data.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The recording method as set forth in claim 23, wherein said method notifies that it is needed to designate said recording format when a process of said recording start is designated.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The recording method as set forth in claim 23, wherein said method selects said first recording area and said second recording area of said recording medium based on a designated recording format, and the audio data are recorded in said designated format on a selected recording area.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) The recording method as set forth in claim ~~22~~ 21, wherein said method performs a process of recording based on a recording format designated by said readout information from the table of contents when it is identified that

said recording medium is a recording medium on which recording has not been performed.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The A recording method ~~as set forth in claim 26,~~ comprising the steps of:

reading information on a table of contents from a recording medium;

identifying whether said recording medium is a recording medium in which two kinds of audio data consisting of audio data to be recorded in a first recording area and audio data having a file format to be recorded in a second recording area can be recorded based on readout information from said table of contents;

identifying whether said recording medium is a medium in which, when it is identified, said two kinds of audio data can be recorded; and

notifying whether said recording medium is defined as a recording medium for recording said two kinds of audio data when said recording medium is a medium in which no recording has yet been performed,

wherein said recording method records an identifier for indicating that two kinds of audio data as audio data recorded in said first recording area and audio data having a file format as recorded in said second recording area are recorded in said recording medium when it is decided that said recording medium is a recording medium for recording said two kinds of audio data,

wherein said method performs a process of recording based on

a recording format designated by said readout information from the table of contents when it is identified that said recording medium is a recording medium on which recording has not been performed, and

wherein said method gives a warning when a recording format different from the recording format designated by said readout information from the table of contents is designated.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) The recording method as set forth in claim 21, wherein said method starts a process of recording when a recording format is designated and when it is decided that a recording medium is defined not to record said two kinds of audio data.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The recording method as set forth in claim 28, wherein said method notifies that said recording format is required when a process of said recording start is designated.

Claims 30-53 (Canceled).